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SUBJ: 24TH SESSION OF COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(CSD)--REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS (AGENDA

ITEM 3)

1. SUMMARY: CSD COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS DURING COURSE OF TWO MEETINGS JAN 6 AND 7. WITH LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS INTERVENING ON THIS ITEM, CONSENSUS OF COMMISSION SUPPORTED EXPENDED ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA, PARTICULARLY AT REGIONAL LEVEL, WITH SPECIAL EMPAHSIS ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES, INCREASED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INTEGRATION OF SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED IN NATIONAL PLANNING AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL. ONE DRAFT RES WAS INTRODUCED BY COLOMBIA (TEXT BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. AS FIRST SUBSTNATIVE AGENDA ITEM, REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS EVOKED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND CONCERN FROM CSD MEMBERS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPS OF UK, AUSTRIA, NEW ZEALAND, IRAQ, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, CYPRUS, CHILE, NIGERIA, US, INDONESIA, BELGIUM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FINLAND AND THAILAND AS WELL AS BY REPS OF ILO, ESCAP, WHO, UNDP, UN OFFICE OF INTERAGENCY AFFAIRS AND COORDINATION, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED, AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF SOCIETIES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (TEXT OF US SPEECH POUCHED IO/CMD FORMAN).

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3. ITEM WAS INTRODUCED BY GEORGE HOWARD, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, WHO NOTED MODEST PROPOSALS IN THIS FILED, DUE MAINLY TO SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL. HE SUGGESTED NEW TECHNIQUES MAY BE NECESSARY IF SECT IS TO CONTINUE ITS WORK. HE ADDED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS WORKED CLOSELY AND SUCCESSFULLY WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THIS AREA OF DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THIS WAS ONE FIELD WHERE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WAS EASILY ABSORBED.

4. ALTHOUGH UK DEL NOTED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THIS AREA, WHERE SHARING OF TECHNIQUES WOULD BE MOST SUCCESSFUL, MOST DELS EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EXPANDED ACTIVITY AT REGIONAL LEVEL. MANY DELS MADE CLEAR THE CONCERN OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT THEY COULD NOT DEVELOP FULL RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED, BUT HAD TO RELY ON EXPERTISE ALREADY DEVELOPED. THERE WAS CONSENSUS AMONG SPEAKERS THAT SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED MUST BE PART OF NATIONAL PLANS TO FULLY INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO SOCIETY.

5. COLOMBIAN DEL INTRODUCED DRAFT RES (E/CN.5/L.410), TEXT BELOW. US DEL RECOMMENDED SUPPORTING THIS RES AND WILL ATTEMPT TO REVISE SECOND OP PARA TO INCLUDE EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES.

6. IN FRANK AND FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT, DEL OF CYPRUS (SPARSIS) NOTED CSD WOULD BE DEBATING SAME PROBLEMS FOR YEARS UNLESS GOVERNMENTS, TRADE UNIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES WERE WILLING TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO ADDRESS THESE KINDS OF ISSUES. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE AT NATIONAL LEVEL, INCLUDING LOSS OF POWER AND PRIVILEGE THAT MANY ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT, IS NECESSARY BEFORE TURNING TO INTERNATIONAL BODIES FOR ASSISTANCE. (DURING SECOND DAY'S DEBATE THIS ITEM, MEMBER OF TURKISH MISSION APPROACHED MEMBER OF US DEL TO INQUIRE IF CYPRUS DEL HAD SPOKEN SPECIFICALLY ABOUT CONDITION OF DISABLED PERSONS ON CYPRUS, WHICH HE HAD NOT.)

7. UNDP REP NOTED THAT ONLY 1/10 OF 1 PERCENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UNDP FOR DEVELOPMENT ARE ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS FOR DISABLED, THAT PRIORITIES WITHIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THAT UNDP IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS SO THEY WILL REALIZE THE POTENTIAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE DISABLED.

8. IN WRAP-UP REMARKS, HOWARD THANKED DELS FOR USEFUL REMARKS AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) ADVANCED POSTGRADUATE TRAINING SHOULD BE CONTINUED AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL; 2) SURVEYS OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISABLED DO NOT REQUIRE VAST AMOUNTS OF STATISTICS BECAUSE APPROXIMATIONS ARE HELPFUL AND USEFUL; 3) THE REPORT ON BARRIER-FREE DESIGN NEEDS A SHARPER

FOCUS AND WILL BE AS WIDELY DISSEMINATED AS POSSIBLE; 4) THAT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY ON THE BLIND WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON, AND THAT ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA WOULD CONTINUE, LEADING TO CONVENING OF AN EXPERT GROUP IN 1978; 5) THAT INCREASED TECHNICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE MUST BE REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENTS, ALTHOUGH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION CAN CLARIFY THE NEED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE TO DECISION MAKERS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THESE SERVICES MUST BE INTEGRATED IN PLANNING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL; 6) THAT ALLOCATIONS OF RESOURCES FOR THE DISABLED IS A PROBLEM, WITH SERVICES SEEMING TO BE MORE AVAILABLE FOR THE AFFLUENT; AND 7) PROGRAMS MUST BE GEARED TO DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY OF A COUNTRY TO INVEST ITS OWN RESOURCES IN THIS AREA, WHICH IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. TEXT OF RES ORIGINALLY DRAFTED BY INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED AND INTRODUCED BY COLOMBIA FOLLOWS:

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REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS

COLOMBIA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDS TO THE

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING
DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 309 E(XI) ENTITLED "SOCIAL
REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED", 1086(XXXIX)
ENTITLED "REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED", AND 1585
(L) ENTITLED "DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF MENTALLY
RETARDED PERSONS",

MINDFUL OF THE PLEDGE OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER TO TAKE JOINT AND SEPARATE ACTION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE HIGHER
STANDARDS OF LIVING, FULL EMPLOYMENT AND CONDITIONS OF ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT,

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RECALLING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND THE STANDARDS
ALREADY SET FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE CONSTITUTIONS,
CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHILDREN'S FUND, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, THE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION,
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED,

EMPHASIZING THAT THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT
HAS PROCLAIMED THE NECESSITY OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND ASSURING
THE WELFARE AND REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY
DISADVANTAGED,

AWARE THAT, BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES
AND OF SOCIETY'S REACTIONS TO THEM, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
OF PERSONS ARE PREVENTED FROM ENJOYING FULLY THE RIGHTS SET
FORTH IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE,

NOTING THAT PROGRESS IN THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITY AND
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ASSIST DISABLED
PERSONS IN OVERCOMING OR REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISABILITY
HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENTS AND OF
VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND TO TECHNICAL
AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS,
BY GOVERNMENTS ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THAT SUCH PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT
TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY THE INCIDENCE OF DISABILITY OR TO
PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AID TO MORE THAN A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE
DISABLED PERSONS IN THE WORLD,

BELIEVING THAT THE PROBLEM OF DISABILITY IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF EVERY COUNTRY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THAT PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT DISABILITY AND TO REHABILITATE THE DISABLED ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH MUST BE ASSUMED BY GOVERNMENTS WORKING AS APPROPRIATE WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,

1. CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO
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PREVENT DISABLING CONDITIONS AND TO ASSURE THAT NECESSARY MEDICAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO ALL DISABLED PERSONS;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE AND TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD, IN PARTICULAR:

(A) TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS, AT THEIR REQUEST, IN PLANNING, ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING PROGRAMMES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITY AND FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS;

(B) TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD SUCH AS THOSE FACED IN THE NEWLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE FINANCING OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS THE MENTALLY ILL AND RETARDED, THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE MULTIPLY HANDICAPPED AND OTHERS, THE ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AFFECTING DISABLED PERSONS, AND OTHER SPECIAL PROBLEMS;

(C) TO PROMOTE RESEARCH FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION, AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND STANDARDS, PLANNING AND EVALUATION METHODS AND PRACTICAL ACTION IN THIS FIELD;

(D) TO CARRY OUT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES;

(E) TO BRING ABOUT MAXIMUM CO-ORDINATION IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED AND INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

(F) TO GIVE INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE PROMOTION OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRAINING OF REHABILITATION PERSONNEL, INCLUDING

PARTICULARLY REGIONAL TRAINING COURSES AND OTHER REGIONAL PROGRAMMES;

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2. REQUESTS THE REGIONAL COMMISSION TO INCORPORATE IN THEIR WORK PROGRAMMES ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST THE PLANNING, ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED;

3. SUGGESTS THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THE REGIONAL OFFICES OR OTHER REGIONAL UNITS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED ENGAGE IN PERIODIC MEETINGS, AND REGULAR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS AND ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD;

4. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND INTERESTED, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, TO JOIN WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN WELL-CO-ORDINATED ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST ALL GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT DISABILITY AND TO PROVIDE COMPLETE REHABILITATION SERVICES.
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